

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 153

**Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Eggman)**

May 23, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to California
LGBT Veterans Day.

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ACR 153, as introduced, Dickinson. California LGBT Veterans Day.

This measure would proclaim June 11, 2014, and June 11 of each subsequent year, California LGBT Veterans Day, to be celebrated statewide.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The 11th day of June has been declared California
2 LGBT Veterans Day in recognition of the importance of properly
3 thanking the many people of California who have served their
4 country while hiding their true selves due to the many policies
5 against military service while openly lesbian, gay, bisexual, or
6 transgender (LGBT); and
7 WHEREAS, During the times of the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”
8 policy of the United States Armed Forces and other antihomosexual
9 policies that predated that policy, many service members in
10 honorable standing were ousted from military service and their
11 benefits removed when their LGBT status became known; and
12 WHEREAS, The State of California lost the ability to properly
13 recognize its many daughters and sons who served their country
14 through the provision of state benefits, recognition, and gratitude

1 for their service due to the dishonorable manner in which they
2 were expelled from the military; and

3 WHEREAS, Multiple forms of this manner of discrimination
4 have finally been eradicated from the ranks of our United States
5 Armed Forces and all forms of discrimination have been removed
6 from the ranks of the California Military Department, the California
7 National Guard and the State Military Reserve; and

8 WHEREAS, An appropriate way to acknowledge those who
9 have previously gone without the level of gratitude appropriate
10 towards United States veterans is to annually recognize those who
11 served to protect the freedom of speech for others while they
12 sacrificed it for themselves; now therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby declares June 11,
15 2014, and June 11 of each subsequent year, California LGBT
16 Veterans Day, to be celebrated statewide; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
18 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.